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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents, listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. A copy of the listed documents is provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

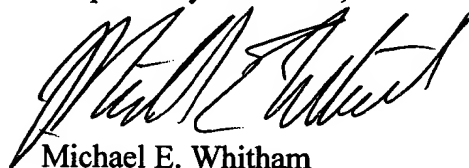
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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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